

TROY, KANSAS.

Mrs. Dora Lee and daughter, Mrs. Ola Thomas, have been the guests of Mrs. Florence Hughes and Mrs. Myrtle Smith of St. Joseph, Mo., the past few days. Mrs. Myrtle Smith of St. Joseph, Mo., visited Mrs. Ola Thomas Friday. Mr. Forest Ward left Monday for Salt Lake City, Utah. Mrs. Nellie Evelyn Howard was granted a divorce from Mr. Charles O. Howard in the district court this January term and restored to her maiden name, Nellie Evelyn Schumacher. Mrs. Ada Birch and children of St. Joseph, Mo., spent Sunday with her parents here. Mrs. Ophelia Snoddy visited in St. Joseph. Quite a number of Elwood people attended court here this week. Mrs. Dilecy Suggs of Hiawatha was in Troy Tuesday. Mr. Stanley Snoddy visited in St. Joseph the past week. Miss Rosa Snoddy entertained the Mite Missionary Society at the home of her parents Tuesday afternoon. A dainty menu was served after the general routine of business. Mr. Julius Butcher is taking a course in civil service. Mrs. C. A. Woods and Mrs. Hattie Hughes are on the sick list this week. Miss Nellie E. Schumacher visited in White Cloud Thursday and Friday and attended a play given by the High School students. In which Mrs. Hattie Breckenridge, the only colored pupil, participated. Mr. E. D. Holland served a midnight dinner on New Year's night, and covers were laid for twenty-one. Words are inadequate to express the appreciation of each and everyone present for having been fortunate enough to be invited, but from the way they feasted and stayed until the wee hours of the morning tells for itself. Geo. Davis of Elwood and Mr. Scott of Wathena were here Monday. Mrs. Althea Duncan and daughter, Wilma, spent Sunday in Troy.

ST. JOSEPH, MO.

Mrs. Maggie Crockett has been on the sick list, but is better at this writing. The funeral of Mr. James Whitney took place at the corner of Ninth and Angelique at the M. E. church, under the auspices of the Hod carriers' Union. Rev. Woodford officiated. He leaves a sister, two brothers and a son to mourn his loss. Miss Beatrice Crockett spent Christmas and New Year's visiting Miss Alice Brown in Valley Falls, Kas., and returned home Sunday night. She reports a nice time. Mr. Oliver Henderson gave a swell entertainment at his home at the corner of Eighteenth and Sylvan for the A. R. Chinn Pal-

atine Guards. The rooms were beautifully decorated and the Guards had a time of their life. What was known to be the grandest social affair ever held in this city among colored people was the second annual dinner dance given by the Bachelor Boys Wednesday evening at the Masonic Temple. Second and Lewis streets. The hall was beautifully decorated in red and white and illuminated with hundreds of colored lights, so artistically was everything arranged that it made one feel as if they were in a summer flower garden instead of a dance hall. During the intermission of twenty minutes a delightful two course buffet luncheon was served while the guests were entertained by Williams Saxophone Orchestra. Those present were many of St. Joseph's most prominent people and also many out of town guests.

ROSEDALE, KANSAS.

While at work Tuesday morning at the Frisco elevator in this city Mr. George Henderson, Jr., was caught between two cars and received injuries from which he died two hours later. He is survived by his mother, father and two other relatives. Mrs. Mattie Berry has returned to her home in Omaha, Neb., after a pleasant stay with Mr. and Mrs. Noah Everett, 3900 Lloyd avenue. Mrs. Levi Collins is ill at her residence, 3904 Lloyd. Mrs. Rosa Dangerfield, Kansas City, Kas., Sunday. Mrs. Tennessee Motin of Osage City, Kas., and daughter, Miss Edna Motin, of Kansas City, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wilson, also of Kansas City, Mo., were the guests of Miss Edith E. Simpson, 3908 Lloyd. Mr. Chas. Young, 909 Division, is somewhat better at this writing. The Holiday Club entertained a large number of guests with a dinner party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Johnson, 4045 Adams street. Raymond, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Williams, 3918 Lloyd, has almost recovered from his recent illness. Mrs. Georgia Fredericks and daughter, Helen, have returned from Springfield, Kas., where they accompanied the body of Mrs. Fredericks' mother, Mrs. Tripolett. Mrs. Walter Henderson, 3326 Lloyd avenue, is able to be out again, after a recent illness.

COLUMBIA, MO.

Dr. G. M. Tillman, pastor of the St. Paul A. M. E. church, Columbia, Mo., a stag toast luncheon for his official board. Many excellent toasts were given complimentary to the host and pledges of co-operation for a greater St. Paul. Those present outside of the

board were the Rev. S. C. Doby and Editor R. L. Logan. Presiding Elder P. C. Crews of the Columbia District and his wife shared their New Year's turkey with their daughters, Mrs. Ida Johnson and Mrs. Nettie Crews Woods of St. Louis; his son-in-law, Mr. T. E. Martin, lay delegate to General Conference and wife and two children, and Dr. and Mrs. G. M. Tillman and Dorothy Tillman. The P. E. is a live wire in his district and keeps everything going. The Junior League was entertained at a very pretty New Year's party at the A. M. E. parsonage New Year's day. Bible game, flags of nations, donkey game, and a free hand drawing contest furnished the little folk lots of amusement until the refreshments were served. Mrs. Annie Fisher, the popular cateress, entertained New Year's Sunday at an elegantly appointed dinner complimentary to the ministers and their families. Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. Reeves and little son of the St. Luke church, Rev. Redd of the Broadway Baptist church, Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Doby, Esther and Ruth Doby, Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Tillman and Dorothy Tillman, Mrs. Fisher's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Knolly. Mrs. E. O. Boone, Jr., and Miss Alma Williams kept open house New Year's day. A large number of the society folk of Columbia attended.

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CHAPTER 15.

Wilkinson Lodge, No. 26, City of St. Joseph, again had the pleasure of entertaining the M. W. Grand Lodge, convening in its twenty-second annual communication, August 21, 1888, at 10 a. m.

Grand Master Pelham was presiding for the fourth time, and had the reins of government well in hand. He early showed a rare tact in the handling of new men who came upon the floor of the Grand Lodge from time to time. Chinn was Grand Secretary, Jones was Grand Treasurer, Ricketts was Junior Grand Warden, Foster held an appointive position, Johnny Jenkins was kept busy on committee work, S. G.



Wooding, a favored brother, was busy as official reporter, William Cross had no time to spare while making up the tedious report on Returns of Lodges, and thus each aggressive spirit was kept in a sort of cabinet membership which, while not exactly a bribe, was a sort of check upon any tangential activity.

Few fairminded men can read the annual address of Grand Master Pelham upon this occasion without admiring the broad scholarship and practical grasp which it conveys. Nor would the reader have to possess any unusual degree of perspicacity to plainly read between the lines that barely disguised appeal to partisanship and clannishness which never have and never should be a characteristic of Freemasonry.

The topic of Masonic Relief offered the desired point for this particular display of "loyalty." It was pointed out that many members of the Grand Lodge were secretly fighting the Masonic Relief, while most valiantly supporting the same principle in other organizations. No names were cited, but every member who had attained any sort of prominence in any other order came in for this blanket accusation. No matter what objection a member might urge to the Johnson plan of managing the Masonic Relief he was an enemy before he spoke, especially if he belonged to another secret society. The Grand Master exclaimed, "Why is it that those who are most deeply interested in other orders are the most hostile and outspoken against the Masonic Relief?" He warned the brethren to be not deceived by those who only sought to destroy the Masonic Relief in order to make the same feature more cogent in other organizations.

This naturally had its effect, especially as the Grand Master was not a member of any other society, and served not only to silence the tongues but to safely curb the ambitions of all who were so unfortunate as to be a participant in any other work of fraternal kind.

Of course the argument was wholly fallacious. No one was opposing the Masonic Relief department. There were those who did not approve of many of its features nor of the manner in which the financial affairs were operated under the hand of Brother Amos Johnson. It was quite vain in the Grand Master to arrogate to himself the protecting angelship of the work which all the brethren were equally pledged to support and which all were equally bound to sustain. He surely did not believe his own doctrine, being the unusually intelligent man that he was. As a matter of fact the chief ob-

penses of Secretary Amos Johnson amounted to three hundred seventy-one dollars. Jection of the Masonic Relief at that time was the enormous expense of the secretary's office. The Grand Master recommended that the secretary suggest some means by which this expense might be reduced—a mere asking of the physician to heal himself.

Naturally the matter of the shortage of Grand Treasurer J. J. Bruce would recur at this session. Brother Bruce was present and had repaid about two hundred dollars of the delinquency. He made an appeal to the Grand Lodge for an indulgence of patience, brought tears to the eyes of the Old Guard, and got a stay of execution from those who had made up their minds to riddle him with invective. The money has never been repaid.

The Heroines of Jericho came in for some very kind and considerate notice and might have been drawn quite snugly under the arm of the Grand Lodge had not another unlooked-for matter intervened.

It appears that the new order Eastern Star also came up to this meeting in two rival factions asking for recognition. This so irritated many of the peace loving brethren that the disposition to warm up toward the "adoptive rites" was decidedly cooled and the whole question was passed over for the time being.

The Building Committee recommended a certain lot in Jefferson City to be had for the sum of three thousand dollars and for the erection of a Masonic Temple. It appears that the offer was accepted tentatively.

The blanket ballot system was employed in the election which took place on the second day. The principal change was the advancement of Dr. Ricketts to the office of D. G. M. James Gordon was made Junior Grand Warden, and the next place of meeting was voted to St. Paul, Minn.

Instead of being taxed fifteen cents upon each death claim for the Masonic Relief, it was voted to tax each member one dollar annually for the support of the department, the aggregate to be equally divided by the number of deaths for the year after deducting operating expenses.

A vote also taxed each member one dollar toward the Temple fund, same to be paid within the current year.

Fifteen hundred dollars from Relief funds were disbursed among benefi-

TOO NOISY.

Did you ever notice how noisy a certain class of our people are? It just seems to be natural for some to be noisy. This class talks loud on the streets, in the street cars or wherever they may be. Of course, the indiscriminating public finds it quite convenient to put us all in the same class and to say we are all noisy. This, of course, is not true, but the noisy, loud-mouthed fellows make so much noise and there are so many of them, as compared with the more refined class, that the impression prevails that all Negroes are noisy.

Now, some of you noisy fellows are going to read this. Of course you are. You don't think you are harming anybody by your noise, and you doubtless think that it is your own noise and that it is therefore nobody's business how much noise you make. Perhaps you are wholly unconscious of the fact that you are noisy. But if you think your noisiness harms nobody you are wrong. For in the first place it harms you. It puts you down as an ignorant or clownish chap. It may keep you out of a good job. And then it harms the race to which you belong. In the eyes of many the whole race is judged and condemned by your noisiness and clownishness and through you certain privileges may be restricted or denied. True, people may only want an excuse to deny these privileges, and you furnish that excuse. Did you ever think of it in that light?

Empty wagons are noisy. Loaded wagons make very little noise. Ever notice it? Don't be satisfied to be an empty wagon.

Next time you are in a bunch of fellows notice how noisy they are and see if you cannot be a little less noisy yourself and induce the other fellows to be a little less noisy, too.

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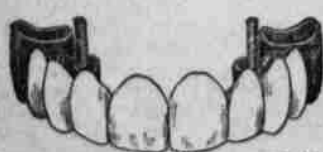
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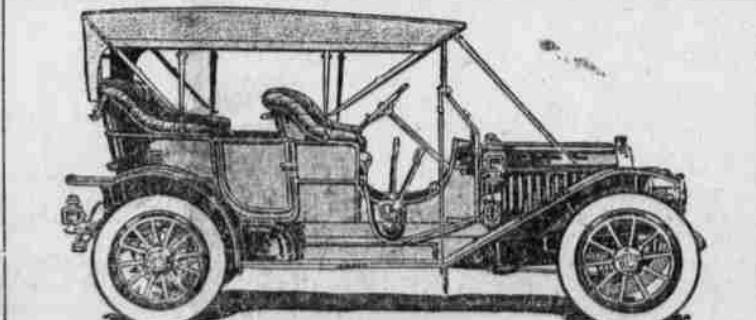


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